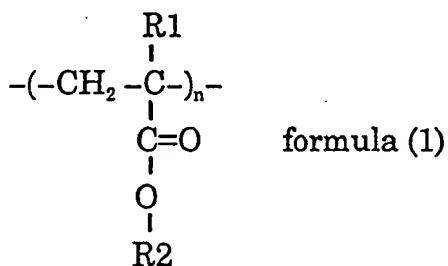


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An ink for an ink jet printer containing: a highly electrically insulating dispersant mainly having of an aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent; a color material insoluble in the dispersant; a polymer having at least repeating units represented by the following general formula (1) and soluble in the dispersant, and a metal soap. The ink enables high-speed stable printing of high-density dots substantially free from ink bleeding. Moreover, the present invention provides a method of effectively controlling electrostatic charges of the color material in the ink.



wherein R1 is one of a hydrogen atom and a methyl group, and R2 is one of an alkyl group having 4 to 22 carbon atoms and a derivative thereof.